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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, [redacted] National Reconnaissance Office
SUBJECT : Manning for [redacted] NRO Satellite Operations Office
REFERENCE : Memo for DD/R from Director, [redacted] NRO, Dated
10 September 1962; Subject: [redacted] NRO Satellite
Operations Office" [redacted]

In line with the requests proposed in your 10 September memorandum referenced above, we are pleased to nominate the following two officers as our initial contribution to the CORONA-MURAL operational planning team:

We propose that the senior of these two officers, [redacted] fill the position as Assistant Deputy for Operations in the [redacted] NRO Staff under Colonel Thomas J. Herron, USAF. Both officers have had considerable experience in the planning and execution of the CORONA-MURAL program, and I believe will be of considerable assistance in formulating operating procedure and doctrine consistent with our joint views.

Since [redacted] are already assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency and carried on the Table of Organization of the Office of Special Activities, DD/R, we propose that their transfer to the [redacted] NRO Staff be an informal one [redacted]

In view of what you have said about the prospects for completion of the Operations Center, we do not propose any physical movement of these two officers at this time, preferring to wait until Colonel Herron can accommodate them in the Center, presumably at a date close to its physical completion.


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They are, however, available to you and Colonel Herron as you need them and as they can be spared from on-going responsibilities in the present conduct of the CORONA-MURAL program. The Assistant Director, Office of Special Operations, has taken steps to advise not only these officers of this development but the entire OSA Staff as well in the manner you suggest.

Should Colonel Herron's duties permit him to participate in current CORONA-MURAL operations, we would, of course, be more than happy to have him in our midst on occasion.

Signed Herbert Scoville, JR.

HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.
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Signature Recommended:


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